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**OBAMA INCHES PAST ROMNEY IN VIRGINIA PRESIDENTIAL RACE,
QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS;
SENATE RACE STILL TIED**

For the first time in this election cycle, President Barack Obama inches ahead of former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, the leading Republican candidate, 47 – 43 percent in Virginia, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today. Romney has a commanding lead among likely Republican primary voters in the state’s no-Newt Gingrich presidential primary.

Today’s results contrast to results of a December 21 survey by the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University, showing Romney with 44 percent and President Obama with 42 percent.

Virginia voters still give the president a slightly negative 46 – 49 percent job approval rating. They split 46 – 48 percent on whether Obama deserves a second term in the Oval Office, but that represents a serious improvement from December when voters said 53 – 41 percent he did not deserve four more years.

In the state’s hotly contested U.S. Senate race Democrat Tim Kaine has 45 percent to Republican George Allen’s 44 percent.

In the Obama-Romney matchup, independent voters favor the president 45 – 41 percent, compared to a 41 – 41 percent tie in December. A gender gap is opening up as women shift to the president, backing him 52 – 40 percent, compared to a 43 – 45 percent split in December. Men back Romney 47 – 43 percent, compared to 43 – 42 percent in December.

“For the first time since Quinnipiac University began polling Virginia voters on the race, President Barack Obama holds a razor-thin lead over Gov. Mitt Romney,” said Peter A. Brown, assistant director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute. “The keys are the president’s improved standing among independent voters and women in the Old Dominion.”

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“The Obama bump could be driven by the perception that the economy is improving. And, the nasty GOP primary fight is not helping Romney, exposing swing voters to lots of negative attacks on him from within his own party,” Brown added.

The president also leads former House Speaker Newt Gingrich 51 – 37 percent, as he tops former Pennsylvania U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum 49 – 41 percent and Texas U.S. Rep. Ron Paul 47 – 40 percent.

In the GOP primary, Romney is the heavy favorite to win Virginia’s delegates. That’s because Santorum and Gingrich failed to qualify for the ballot. Romney leads Ron Paul among GOP likely primary voters 68 – 19 percent.

“Leading up to Super Tuesday, when the GOP candidates will be fighting over almost a dozen states, Virginia voters likely will be spared the negative television commercials and direct mail attacks since the outcome of its primary is pretty much pre-ordained,” said Brown.

The Senate race has been tight as a tick all year, with neither man ahead by more than two points among all voters. In this survey, Kaine leads 44 – 40 percent among independent voters.

“Kaine’s standing in the Senate race will almost certainly be tied to Virginia’s view of the president. Politics is a team game and when the captain of the blue team improves his standing, the rest of the team also benefits,” said Brown.

From February 1 – 6, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,544 registered voters with a margin of error of +/- 2.5 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones. The Republican primary includes 546 likely voters with a margin of error of +/- 4.2 percent.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. There will be two candidates on the ballot, Mitt Romney and Ron Paul. If the Republican primary for President were being held today, would you vote for Mitt Romney or Ron Paul? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Romney or Paul? (Table includes leaners and early voters)

	LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS.....								
						WhtBrnAgEv		TEA PARTY	
	Tot	Men	Wom	Con	Mod	Yes	No	Yes	No
Romney	68%	68%	68%	74%	59%	73%	74%	68%	69%
Paul	19	23	15	17	24	12	18	16	20
DK/NA	13	9	17	10	17	15	8	16	11
	COLLEGE	DEG	AGE	IN	YEARS.....	ANNUAL	HOUSEHOLD	INCOME	
	Yes	No	18-49	50-64	65+	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100
Romney	73%	65%	65%	65%	80%	72%	57%	65%	70%
Paul	18	20	23	20	12	14	24	26	18
DK/NA	9	15	13	16	8	14	19	10	12

	CANDIDATE CHOICE Q1b	
	NG	RS
Romney	70%	65%
Paul	10	23
DK/NA	20	12

1a. (Candidate choice given q1) Is your mind made up, or do you think you might change your mind before the election?

	LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS		
	CANDIDATE CHOICE Q1		
	Tot	MR	RP
Mind made up	63%	66%	53%
Might change	35	33	45
DK/NA	1	1	2

1b. Suppose Newt Gingrich and Rick Santorum were also on the ballot. If the Republican primary for President were being held today, would you vote for: Mitt Romney, Ron Paul, Rick Santorum, or Newt Gingrich? (If undecided) As of today, do you lean more toward Romney, Paul, Santorum, or Gingrich? (Table includes leaners)

	LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS.....												
	Tot	Men	Wom	Con	Mod	WhtBrnAgEv Yes No	TEA PARTY Yes No						
Romney	37%	35%	40%	33%	40%	32%	45%	22%	43%				
Paul	12	15	10	9	19	5	9	5	15				
Santorum	18	18	18	23	12	22	17	23	17				
Gingrich	27	28	25	31	21	36	24	43	20				
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	2				
DK/NA	5	3	7	4	6	5	5	7	3				
	COLLEGE DEG					AGE IN YEARS.....				ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME			
	Yes	No		18-49	50-64	65+	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100			
Romney	44%	33%		42%	26%	44%	37%	35%	30%	40%			
Paul	11	13		16	11	7	11	19	13	12			
Santorum	22	15		18	18	17	14	14	25	18			
Gingrich	18	32		19	35	30	28	22	31	23			
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	1		-	3	-	1	2	-	2			
DK/NA	4	5		5	7	1	8	9	2	5			

2. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and - Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote?

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Obama	47%	6%	93%	45%	43%	52%	36%	91%
Romney	43	86	5	41	47	40	54	4
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	-	2	2	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	4	-	4	4	3	4	-
DK/NA	5	4	2	8	5	5	5	4

WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....			
Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	
Obama	47%	29%	27%	37%	19%	40%	52%	49%	44%
Romney	46	59	63	57	69	53	36	43	47
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	5	4	1	5	2	6	3	2
DK/NA	4	6	5	4	5	4	5	5	5

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HOUSEHOLD	INCOME...	
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Obama	52%	45%	57%	41%	49%	45%
Romney	40	44	36	44	42	48
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	-	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	4	3	4	4	3
DK/NA	4	6	4	10	4	3

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote? (2011 wording referenced "2012 election")

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....				
	Feb 08	Dec 21	Oct 11	Sep 15
	2012	2011	2011	2011
Obama	47	42	44	42
Romney	43	44	45	44
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	3	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	3	3	2
DK/NA	5	7	7	9

3. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and - Newt Gingrich the Republican, for whom would you vote?

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Obama	51%	12%	94%	50%	46%	55%	40%	89%
Gingrich	37	78	3	32	42	33	47	5
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	5	5	-	7	5	4	5	-
DK/NA	5	4	2	7	4	6	5	5

WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....			
Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	
Obama	52%	32%	31%	39%	24%	43%	56%	52%	48%
Gingrich	38	53	55	52	63	44	29	37	42
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	3	1	3	1	3	2	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	7	6	3	7	4	8	4	3
DK/NA	5	5	6	4	4	6	5	5	6

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HOUSEHOLD	INCOME...	
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Obama	57%	47%	59%	46%	51%	49%
Gingrich	33	39	28	38	40	40
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	2	1	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	6	6	5	3	4
DK/NA	5	6	5	9	3	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and Newt Gingrich the Republican, for whom would you vote? (2011 wording referenced "2012 election")

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS		
	Feb 08 2012	Dec 21 2011
Obama	51	46%
Gingrich	37	41
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	2	3
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	5	4
DK/NA	5	6

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and - Rick Santorum the Republican, for whom would you vote?

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Obama	49%	6%	95%	49%	45%	52%	38%	87%
Santorum	41	83	3	38	46	37	52	6
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	-	2	2	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	4	6	-	5	5	4	5	-
DK/NA	5	3	2	7	3	6	4	6

WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....			
Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	
Obama	49%	31%	28%	35%	20%	41%	53%	50%	46%
Santorum	44	57	60	57	71	49	33	41	46
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	2	1	-	1	1	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	6	5	2	4	5	9	3	2
DK/NA	4	4	5	5	4	5	3	5	5

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...						
Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K	
Obama	55%	46%	57%	48%	48%	47%
Santorum	39	42	33	39	46	44
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	5	4	4	3	5
DK/NA	3	5	5	7	2	3

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Barack Obama the Democrat and - Ron Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Obama	47%	8%	93%	43%	43%	51%	37%	84%
Paul	40	74	3	44	44	36	49	10
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	6	11	-	6	7	5	8	-
DK/NA	6	6	3	7	5	7	6	6

WHITE.....									
COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....			
Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	
Obama	47%	30%	29%	38%	19%	41%	47%	49%	46%
Paul	43	53	55	51	61	47	39	41	40
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	10	9	4	12	6	10	4	6
DK/NA	6	6	6	7	7	6	4	5	7

COLLEGE DEG ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...						
Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K	
Obama	52%	44%	55%	46%	44%	46%
Paul	38	41	29	40	46	43
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	1	1	-	1
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	3	8	7	5	6	5
DK/NA	6	6	7	7	4	5

6. Is your opinion of - Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Men	Wom	Con	Mod	WhtBrnAgnEv Yes No	TEA PARTY Yes No		
Favorable	66%	66%	65%	70%	59%	67%	77%	72%	65%
Unfavorable	20	21	19	18	24	19	15	22	19
Hvn't hrd enough	12	11	14	11	13	13	7	4	14
REFUSED	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	2
ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	43%	68%	23%	41%	46%	40%	52%	20%	
Unfavorable	39	18	58	40	40	38	34	51	
Hvn't hrd enough	15	12	17	14	11	19	12	27	
REFUSED	3	2	2	4	3	3	3	2	

TREND: Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS			
	Feb 08 2012	Dec 21 2011	Oct 11 2011
Favorable	43	37	38
Unfavorable	39	27	29
Hvn't hrd enough	15	33	31
REFUSED	3	3	2

7. Is your opinion of - Newt Gingrich favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Men	Wom	Con	Mod	WhtBrnAgnEv Yes No	TEA PARTY Yes No		
Favorable	46%	51%	40%	56%	34%	54%	52%	71%	36%
Unfavorable	40	36	44	32	51	34	37	22	48
Hvn't hrd enough	13	11	15	12	11	10	10	6	14
REFUSED	2	2	1	-	4	1	1	-	2
ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	28%	51%	7%	27%	35%	22%	33%	12%	
Unfavorable	56	35	78	58	54	57	54	61	
Hvn't hrd enough	15	12	14	13	9	19	11	26	
REFUSED	2	2	-	2	2	1	1	1	

TREND: Is your opinion of Newt Gingrich favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS		
	Feb 08 2012	Dec 21 2011
Favorable	28	29%
Unfavorable	56	45
Hvn't hrd enough	15	23
REFUSED	2	3

8. Is your opinion of - Rick Santorum favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Men	Wom	Con	Mod	WhtBrnAgnEv		TEA PARTY	
						Yes	No	Yes	No
Favorable	52%	55%	48%	65%	40%	63%	58%	69%	47%
Unfavorable	15	20	10	8	24	9	11	9	18
Hvn't hrd enough	33	24	42	27	36	28	31	23	35
REFUSED	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	32%	56%	12%	31%	38%	28%	39%	15%	
Unfavorable	28	8	50	30	32	25	25	36	
Hvn't hrd enough	38	35	38	38	30	46	35	50	
REFUSED	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	

9. Is your opinion of - Ron Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

LIKELY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Men	Wom	Con	Mod	WhtBrnAgnEv		TEA PARTY	
						Yes	No	Yes	No
Favorable	38%	45%	31%	37%	40%	29%	43%	45%	36%
Unfavorable	35	36	35	40	27	39	39	38	36
Hvn't hrd enough	25	18	31	20	30	28	17	17	26
REFUSED	2	1	3	2	3	4	1	1	2
ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	34%	35%	26%	42%	42%	27%	36%	25%	
Unfavorable	33	35	43	26	34	33	34	32	
Hvn't hrd enough	30	26	30	30	21	38	27	41	
REFUSED	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	

10. Is your opinion of - Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....									
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Favorable	50%	7%	94%	51%	45%	55%	40%	93%	
Unfavorable	47	90	5	46	52	42	58	6	
Hvn't hrd enough	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	
REFUSED	2	1	-	3	1	2	2	-	
WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	49%	33%	31%	36%	24%	41%	54%	50%	48%
Unfavorable	49	64	67	63	74	57	42	47	49
Hvn't hrd enough	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2
REFUSED	1	2	1	-	2	1	3	1	1

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10. (cont'd) Is your opinion of - Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....					
	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Favorable	54%	48%	59%	49%	49%	47%
Unfavorable	44	49	39	47	49	51
Hvn't hrd enough	1	2	1	1	1	1
REFUSED	2	1	1	3	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Barack Obama favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS		
	Feb 08	Dec 21	Oct 11
	2012	2011	2011
Favorable	50	45	45
Unfavorable	47	47	49
Hvn't hrd enough	1	3	2
REFUSED	2	4	3

11. Compared to past presidential elections, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about voting in this year's presidential election; are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
More	31%	43%	32%	23%	34%	29%	30%	40%
Less	23	15	15	34	20	25	24	10
About the same	46	42	53	42	46	46	46	49
DK/NA	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1

	WHITE.....									
	COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....			
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+	
More	28%	31%	32%	35%	33%	30%	26%	31%	35%	
Less	23	25	25	20	25	22	24	25	19	
About the same	49	43	42	45	41	47	50	44	45	
DK/NA	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	

	COLLEGE DEG					
	ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...					
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
More	29%	32%	24%	35%	31%	32%
Less	23	22	21	21	26	23
About the same	47	45	55	42	43	44
DK/NA	1	1	1	1	-	1

TREND: Compared to past presidential elections, how would you describe your level of enthusiasm about voting in this year's presidential election; are you more enthusiastic than usual, less enthusiastic, or about the same as usual?
(2011 wording referenced "2012 election")

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS		
	Feb 08	Dec 21	Oct 11
	2012	2011	2011
More	31	30	35
Less	23	23	20
About the same	46	46	44
DK/NA	1	1	1

12. If the election for United States Senator were being held today, and the candidates were George Allen the Republican and Tim Kaine the Democrat, for whom would you vote?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Allen	44%	89%	4%	40%	49%	39%	53%	10%
Kaine	45	5	90	44	42	47	36	80
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	1	1	4	3	1	2	2
DK/NA(VOL)	9	5	5	12	6	11	8	8

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgEv		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+
Allen	45%	59%	62%	55%	71%	51%	38%	43%	49%
Kaine	47	29	28	36	20	40	48	47	43
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	1	2	2	-	2	1	5	2	-
DK/NA(VOL)	7	9	8	8	7	8	9	8	8

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Allen	38%	47%	38%	38%	48%	46%
Kaine	53	40	49	47	43	44
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	-	1	-	1	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	3	3	4	1	1
DK/NA(VOL)	7	10	10	9	7	8

TREND: If the election for United States Senator were being held today and the candidates were George Allen the Republican and Tim Kaine the Democrat, for whom would you vote?
(2011 wording referenced "2012 election")

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....				
	Feb 08	Dec 21	Oct 11	Sep 15	Jun 30
	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011
Allen	44	44	44	45	42
Kaine	45	42	45	44	43
SMONE ELSE(VOL)	1	1	1	1	2
WLDN'T VOTE(VOL)	2	2	1	1	2
DK/NA(VOL)	9	12	9	9	11

13. Is your opinion of - George Allen favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	42%	78%	9%	42%	47%	38%	51%	18%
Unfavorable	29	4	59	27	30	28	26	43
Hvn't hrd enough	27	18	31	29	21	33	23	38
REFUSED	1	-	1	2	1	1	1	2

TREND: Is your opinion of George Allen favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS		
	Feb 08 2012	Dec 21 2011	Oct 11 2011
Favorable	42	41	45
Unfavorable	29	27	28
Hvn't hrd enough	27	30	26
REFUSED	1	2	1

14. Is your opinion of - Tim Kaine favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Favorable	46%	15%	78%	45%	44%	47%	40%	73%
Unfavorable	29	58	4	24	33	25	35	6
Hvn't hrd enough	25	26	17	28	22	27	24	20
REFUSED	1	1	-	3	2	1	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Tim Kaine favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS		
	Feb 08 2012	Dec 21 2011	Oct 11 2011
Favorable	46	42	47
Unfavorable	29	27	29
Hvn't hrd enough	25	28	23
REFUSED	1	2	1

19. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Approve	46%	7%	91%	43%	41%	51%	36%	87%
Disapprove	49	89	5	50	55	44	60	5
DK/NA	5	3	4	6	4	6	4	7

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+
Approve	46%	30%	28%	34%	20%	39%	50%	47%	45%
Disapprove	50	67	68	64	76	59	44	48	52
DK/NA	4	4	4	2	4	2	6	4	3

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HOUSEHOLD	INCOME...	
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Approve	51%	44%	56%	45%	45%	44%
Disapprove	45	51	40	50	49	53
DK/NA	4	5	3	5	6	3

TREND: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....				
	Feb 08	Dec 21	Oct 11	Sep 15	Jun 30
	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011
Approve	46	42	45	40	48
Disapprove	49	51	52	54	48
DK/NA	5	7	3	6	4

22. Do you feel that Barack Obama deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Yes/Deserves	46%	6%	94%	43%	40%	51%	34%	89%
No/Does not	48	92	5	48	54	44	60	6
DK/NA	5	2	2	9	6	5	5	5

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes/Deserves	45%	28%	27%	31%	19%	37%	51%	46%	44%
No/Does not	51	66	69	66	77	59	43	48	51
DK/NA	4	6	5	2	4	5	6	6	4

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL	HOUSEHOLD	INCOME...	
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Yes/Deserves	50%	44%	58%	46%	44%	41%
No/Does not	46	50	40	47	52	54
DK/NA	4	6	2	7	5	5

TREND: Do you feel that Barack Obama deserves to be reelected, or do you feel that he does not deserve to be reelected?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....				
	Feb 08	Dec 21	Oct 11	Sep 15	Jun 30
	2012	2011	2011	2011	2011
Yes/Deserves	46	41	44	41	47
No/Does not	48	53	51	51	47
DK/NA	5	6	5	8	6

23. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on the economy, Barack Obama or - Mitt Romney?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....								
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk	
Obama	44%	7%	89%	39%	39%	48%	32%	86%	
Romney	47	87	8	48	52	42	58	7	
DK/NA	9	6	4	13	8	11	10	7	
	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+
Obama	42%	26%	23%	28%	16%	34%	47%	45%	41%
Romney	50	63	67	65	76	57	43	46	50
DK/NA	7	11	10	7	8	9	9	9	8
	COLLEGE DEG				ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...				
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K			
Obama	48%	41%	53%	44%	42%	41%			
Romney	44	48	41	45	48	51			
DK/NA	8	10	6	11	10	8			

TREND: Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on the economy, Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	
	Feb 08	Dec 21
	2012	2011
Obama	44	41%
Romney	47	46
DK/NA	9	13

24. Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on the economy, Barack Obama or - Newt Gingrich?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS.....							
	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	Wht	Blk
Obama	49%	9%	94%	47%	45%	53%	38%	89%
Gingrich	41	81	3	39	46	36	51	4
DK/NA	10	10	3	14	9	12	11	7

	WHITE.....								
	COLLEGE DEG				WhtBrnAgnEv		AGE IN YRS.....		
	Yes	No	Prot	Cath	Yes	No	18-34	35-54	55+
Obama	49%	31%	29%	32%	21%	40%	50%	50%	47%
Gingrich	43	56	61	57	68	50	36	40	44
DK/NA	8	13	11	11	11	11	14	9	9

	COLLEGE DEG		ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME...			
	Yes	No	<30K	30-50	50-100	>100K
Obama	54%	46%	57%	49%	48%	45%
Gingrich	38	42	32	40	43	47
DK/NA	7	12	11	11	9	8

TREND: Regardless of how you intend to vote, who do you think would do a better job on the economy, Barack Obama or Newt Gingrich?

	ALL REGISTERED VOTERS	
	Feb 08	Dec 21
	2012	2011
Obama	49	43%
Gingrich	41	45
DK/NA	10	12